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to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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Special Note

As of January 2011, State level livestock prices were discontinued. Livestock prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

HAY PRICES WELL ABOVE LAST YEAR

August hay prices remained above last year. Compared to last month, both alfalfa hay and other hay were unchanged. **Alfalfa hay**, unchanged from last month but up \$33.00 from last year, came in at \$123.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$115.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but up \$31.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 41 points (29 percent) from August 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month and increased 31 points (22 percent) from August 2010.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS - WY AND U.S.: AUGUST 2011 WITH COMPARISONS U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES 3/			
		AUGUST 2010	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011	AUGUST 2010	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	56.40	1/	1/	58.30	73.60	71.10	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	108.00	1/	1/	98.10	115.00	113.00	—
Calves	100#	129.00	1/	1/	123.00	138.00	134.00	35
Sheep	100#	54.40	1/	1/	47.60	56.50	1/	—
Lambs	100#	124.00	1/	1/	127.00	194.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	3.65	6.32	6.62	64
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	2.09	3.35	3.33	49
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.39	5.04	5.15	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	5.47	6.77	7.26	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	1/	29.40	34.10	42.00	53
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	90.00	123.00	123.00	118.00	189.00	191.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	84.00	115.00	115.00	95.10	119.00	127.00	—

1/ Price discontinued. 2/ Price withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 3/ Price data source for livestock is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. **NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES - UNITED STATES: AUGUST 2011 WITH COMPARISONS

1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	AUGUST 2010	JULY 2011	AUGUST 2011
All Commodities	141	180	182
All Crops	151	206	208
All Livestock and Products	134	155	158

EXPECTED SUGARBEET PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

An updated forecast, based on September 1 estimates, indicates Wyoming sugarbeet production will be lower than last year. The sugarbeet production forecast is 6 percent lower than last year. According to the Crop Weather report for Wyoming ending September 4, 2010, the sugarbeet condition was rated 65 percent good or better.

Wyoming sugarbeet producers intended to harvest 31,000 acres, up 600 acres from last year. The average yield is expected to be 25.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton from the August 1 forecast and 2.0 tons less than the 2010 yield. Total production is expected to be 775,000 tons, 6 percent below 2010.

The following forecasts were carried forward from August 1 forecasts. **Barley** production is expected to total 6.94 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's production and up 3 percent from 2009. **Dry bean** production in 2011 is forecast at 792,000 hundredweight. The August 1 forecast for **alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures** is 1.48 million tons, down 8 percent from last year's crop but down 14 percent from the 2009 harvest. Yields are expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Production of **all other hay**, at 850,000 tons, is down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from 2009. Acreage expected to be harvested is estimated at 500,000, down 70,000 acres from 2010. Forecasted yield, at 1.7 tons per acre, is up 0.2 tons from 2010 and up 0.3 tons from 2009.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, a decrease of 3.4 tons from last year.

Much of the growing region has experienced less than ideal growing conditions. Wet weather coupled with reports of disease and hail damage resulted in reduced yields from the previous forecast in half of the reporting States. Minnesota, which accounts for 32 percent of the total United States production, is forecasting 891 thousand tons less than the previous forecast, which if realized will be a 19 percent drop from last year's final production.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on September 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above September 1, 2010. This is the third highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.25 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 2.18 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 715,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 690,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.05 million, 7 percent above 2010.

Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during August, 53 percent above 2010.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER, 2009-2009 1/

State	On Feed Aug 1, 2011	Place- ments Aug 2011	Market- ings Aug 2011	Other Disapp. Aug 2011	On Feed Sep 1, 2011	On Feed Sep 1, 2010
Thousand Head						
CO	970	230	205	5	990	890
KS	2,180	520	475	15	2,210	2,200
NE	1,980	445	400	15	2,010	2,050
TX	2,840	620	540	20	2,900	2,550
Oth Sts.	2,619	437	428	17	2,611	2,491
U.S.	10,589	2,252	2,048	72	10,721	10,181

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ALL HIRED AG WORKER'S WAGE RATE DOWN

The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week July 10-16, 2011 was up 1,000 (4 percent) from a year ago. During this period, 28,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 28,000 hired workers, 21,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 7,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 19,000 and 8,000 last year.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$10.25 per hour, down \$0.07 from July 2010. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$10.18 per hour compared with \$9.95 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.91 per hour compared with \$9.39 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 44.5 up 2.2 hours from last July.



UNITED STATES: There were 1,186,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 836,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90 per hour during the July 2011 reference week, up 11 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.24 per hour, up 15 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.28 per hour compared with \$10.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.25 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Regions and U.S., July 10-16, 2011 1/

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	10.18	9.91	10.05	10.25
Mntn II 3/	9.77	9.19	9.55	10.55
No Plns 4/	11.04	10.96	11.00	11.20
U.S. 5/	10.24	10.28	10.25	10.90

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers

2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming

3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North &

South Dakota

5/ Excludes Alaska

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WYOMING TOTAL COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION HOLDS STEADY

Commercial red meat production in **Wyoming** during July 2011 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was unchanged from both June 2010 and last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during July, down 100 head compared to both the number slaughtered a year ago and last month. Total live weight was 683,000 pounds, down 5 percent from the previous July. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,251 pounds, up 102 pounds from last month.

A total of 200 **commercial hogs** were processed, down 100 hogs from last July and unchanged from last month. Total live weight, at 60,000 pounds, was down 32 percent from July 2010. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 256 pounds, up 12 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were slaughtered in July, unchanged from both this time last year and from last month. Total live weight was 18,000 pounds, down 14 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep processed, at 142 pounds, was 2 pounds less than one year ago.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,900 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JULY 2010 AND 2011, WYOMING and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	July 2010	July 2011	July 2010	July 2011	11/10	July 2010	July 2011	July 2010	July 2011	11/10
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	600	500	718	683	95.1	2,899,200	2,765,800	3,678,847	3,506,045	95.3
Hogs	300	200	88	60	68.2	8,469,000	8,158,500	2,275,193	2,186,630	96.1
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	21	18	85.7	197,500	164,900	25,752	21,855	84.9